

Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Newsletter



Notes from the Chairman's Office

Greetings,

We've had a wonderful holiday season and have moved right into this new year of 2007. I hope that everyone enjoyed the season and found the blessings that it holds.

As I look back on the past few months, I realize that we have had a significant increase in activity to report and will do so by stepping back a bit.

The Tribal Council has spent quite a number of hours in planning sessions to arrive at a logical approach to our future growth. We have been guided by the ability to fund certain projects in some cases and by the desire to create a long term security in others. The ultimate goal has been to come up with projects that will be primarily revenue producers. We did arrive there with the decision to pursue a new Mexican restaurant at our casino, an enhancement of our RV park and to construct a new 15,000 sq. foot supermarket. These projects have surfaced as the most feasible and affordable, based on revenue projections.

As part of our consideration of projects, we have taken a step back to re-evaluate the hotel project. Not only have we decided to extend the start-up date but there are other factors being reconsidered. The location is one of those items. Our desire to build and operate the hotel as a clear and separate entity from the casino has changed. We now believe that adjoining the hotel to our casino facility makes more sense and will better serve our customer base. It is our belief that we will have an easier time with the National Indian Gaming Commission review process than we did with Shorty's project therefore adjoining makes more sense. Staffing of this facility will also be a lot less cumbersome and also makes sense. With these changes also comes our ability to omit certain features necessary in the stand alone environment and use the savings to add other amenities, including more rooms. While this will obviously delay the start-up, we are more concerned with the quality of our product than the timing. I'll keep you informed along the way.

We recently completed the sale/donation of 25 acres of land in Raintree Village to the St. Mary Parish School Board and are very excited about the potential this holds for our Raintree development. We have recently sent a letter to the School Board requesting that they consider the name "Raintree Elementary". The influx of students, parents and teachers on a daily basis will have a certain positive impact on the growth of our village. I look forward to watching this take shape. I noticed that the School Board has wasted no time in starting the construction; they were surveying just last week.

Our local road project is nearing completion and is certainly looking better. It seems it's always darkest before the dawn, in this case, muddy before it's paved. Thank goodness..... it's time.

I will close on a Cultural note today. We have recently applied for special pricing consideration from a company called Rosetta Stone, to gather all our language and place it on an interactive disk system. The program is an outstanding new and creative way to learn a language, employing the use of action pictures with words of a language. I have personally used the French version of the Rosetta Stone and found it to be quite interesting and captivating. I can't speak highly enough about this system and the prospect of our very own Chitimacha language being available through this. I truly believe we could not find a more worthy and meaningful endeavor than this project to serve and preserve our future. As always, I wish you great blessings and peace in your life.

Until next time. Huya Nito

February 2007

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Resolutions for the Month of November

- #44-06** Adopts the 2007 Roads Priority List and authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), to sign any and all documentation necessary to update the Roads Inventory for the purpose of establishing new roadway priorities for the future of the Tribe.
- #45-06** Approves the creation of the group dwelling insurance benefit program to provide or assist in providing dwelling insurance on a group basis for eligible Tribal Members residing within the Tribe's service area. Further resolves to entrust the Housing Authority of the Chitimacha Tribe to serve as Administrator of the group dwelling insurance benefit program, and authorizes the Housing Authority to fund the contributions for eligible Tribal Members participating in this program on the condition that these families reimburse the Housing Authority.
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Resolution for the Month of December

- #46/06** Authorizes the Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Understanding to Sell and Convey Real Property to the St. Mary Parish School Board.
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Resolutions for the Month of January

- #01/07** Authorizes the Cultural Director, Kimberly S. Walden, to submit the Rosetta Stone Software Development Project Application for 2007, and if awarded, further authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer, Peggy Gaddy, to sign any and all documents pertaining to the award.
- #02/07** Authorizes the Chairman, Alton LeBlanc, to sign Amendment No. 2 To Interim Construction and Term Loan Agreement with the Whitney National Bank.
- #03/07** Authorizes the cancellation of a land lease for Peggy Gaddy.
- #04/07** Authorizes the cancellation of a land lease for Ted M. Darden, and the reassignment of a land lease for Peggy Gaddy.
- #05-07** Declares Jackie Rogers Junca sole ownership of her home.
- #06-07** Rescinds Resolution CHI-TC #63-05, and accurately reflects the Language to "Net Operating Profits as defined in the Management Agreement of 1994".
- #07-07** Authorizes the Chairman, Alton LeBlanc, and Vice Chairman, Tricia Mora, to sign any and all documents pertaining to the development of Raintree Market.



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE



JANUARY 2007

For the month of December 2006, the following traffic citations were issued—two for operating a vehicle without a drivers license, two for operating a vehicle with a suspended drivers license, one for running a stop sign, and one for careless operation. Verbal warnings were also issued for operating an unsafe vehicle, stop sign violation, exhibition driving, following too close, and speeding.

The following arrests were logged for December 2006:

12-02-06	One male for possession of marijuana
12-03-06	One male for disturbing the peace intoxicated and resisting an officer with force
	One male for disturbing the peace, remaining where forbidden and resisting an officer
	One male for criminal trespassing
	One male for disturbing the peace intoxicated and criminal damage to property
12-05-06	Two male subjects for disturbing the peace by fighting
12-06-06	One male for criminal trespassing
12-14-06	One male for theft
12-16-06	One male for domestic abuse battery
	One female for criminal trespassing and possession of marijuana
	One male for disturbing the peace, remaining where forbidden, resisting an officer and battery on a police officer
12-18-06	One male for disorderly conduct
12-21-06	One male for theft
12-23-06	One male for disturbing the peace and resisting an officer by force
	Two male subjects for disturbing the peace
	One female for criminal trespassing and aggravated flight from an officer
12-24-06	One male for disorderly conduct, two counts of simple assault and resisting arrest
	One male for criminal trespassing
12-28-06	One male for theft by shoplifting
12-30-06	One female for simple battery



One summons was also issued to a male subject for disturbing the peace by loud music after he was found driving with extremely loud music coming from his vehicle.

During the month of December 2006 the police department received five complaints of nuisance animals (dogs) on the property of residents. The St. Mary Parish Animal Warden has been contacted and is working with the police department in setting out cages to catch these nuisance animals. Any dogs or cats that are caught will be taken to the St. Mary Parish Animal Shelter.

Dangers of Drinking by The National Crime Prevention Council

Alcohol is the number one drug of choice for teenagers

How Alcohol Affects You

- You see double, slur your speech, and lose your sense of distance.
- Alcohol loosens your inhibitions; you make bad judgements that can result in car crashes, violence, unwanted pregnancy, sexual transmission of diseases, or rape.
- A significant portion of violent crimes and vandalism among and by youth involves the use of alcohol.
- using alcohol can cost you your freedom. You can be grounded by your parents. Lose your driver's license, or end up in jail.
- You can get sick or die from alcohol poisoning.
- Poor grades may be a result of alcohol use.

Be Smart About Advertising

Take a good look at how the alcohol industry tries to convince people to use its products:

- Wine coolers are displayed in stores next to fruit drinks. Maybe they don't think you'll notice the difference between a regular fruit drink and one with alcohol.
- Different brands of beer and other alcoholic beverages are slipped into the movies you watch. They think if you see your favorite actor drinking it, you will too.
- The models on the beer commercials are always young, fit, and beautiful. But alcohol has plenty of calories and little nutritional value. Drinking it will not make you more fit or attractive.
- Advertisements feature celebrities and sports figures, but drinking will not make you famous or athletic.
- Alcohol advertisers are now reminding people not to drink and drive. But drunk driving is not the only way alcohol can mess up your life.
- Advertisers hope you won't stop and think when you see their ads. Don't be conned. Use your own judgment and learn the facts.



Alcohol-related car crashes are the number one killer of teenagers in the United States

More Facts About Alcohol

- The earlier young people start drinking and using drugs, the more likely they are to become addicted.
- Drinking coffee, taking a cold shower, exercising, or breathing fresh air will not sober you up. The only thing that sobers you up is time—at least several hours.
- One beer, one shot of whiskey, and one glass of wine all have the same amount of alcohol. Don't fall for the myth that beer and wine are less intoxicating than hard liquor.
- Only 3 to 5 percent of alcoholics are what we think of as bums. Most alcoholics are just like people you know. Anyone can become an alcoholic—young, old, rich, poor, single, married, employed, or out-of-work.
- Drinking alcohol does not quench your thirst; it causes dehydration.
- Alcohol interferes with your central nervous system. You lose balance, coordination, and judgment.
- Alcohol ages and damages the brain.
- Alcoholism is hereditary.
- Eight young people die in alcohol-related crashes every day.
- Teens who drink alcohol are 7 ½ times more likely to use any illicit drug, and 50 times more likely to use cocaine than young people who never drink alcohol.
- You are breaking the law by buying or using alcohol before you are 21 years old.

Alcohol is the number-one drug problem in America

Take Action

- Make a pledge with your friends that you will help each other avoid alcohol and other drugs. Leave parties where kids are drinking.
- If a friend or someone you know has passed out from drinking too much alcohol, turn the person on his or her side and call 911 or your local emergency number. Too much alcohol can cause the central nervous system, which controls breathing, to shut down. Death Can Result.
- Don't ride with someone who has been drinking. Call a taxi, your parents, or another relative or friend for a ride.
- Encourage someone you think has a drinking problem to get help. Go with them to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings or to meet with a counselor.
- Suggest that members of any club or youth group you belong to organize an antidrinking project such as an alcohol-free post-prom, graduation, or New Year's Eve party.
- Make a presentation to your school's PTA meeting about how teachers and parents can realistically help kids avoid drugs and alcohol.
- Ask for help if someone is pressuring you to try alcohol or other drugs. Talk to someone you trust.

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

Eagle Pride...Eagle Spirit!



WINTER 2006

FIELD TRIP

Junior High students at Chitimacha Tribal School were introduced to one of the oldest imported cultures here in Louisiana by visiting Vermillionville on Thursday, November 16th. Students identified cultural elements of the Acadians and participated in various art forms in Louisiana's history, including an hour of Acadian and Zydeco dancing. Partners waltzed across the room and bounced to a Zydeco jig, which gave them a really GREAT workout! First hand experience was truly the focus lesson. Students learned how cotton becomes thread and how that thread is used to make such things as blankets, clothes, and other things. They were amazed that one shirt took over 150 hours to complete. If a girl was working on a shirt and going to school during this time period, it would take her a month to complete just one shirt! Students were also treated to live Cajun music in a unique atmosphere in an Acadian style school house with a warm iron wood burning stove burning to keep them cozy. The true learning experience was captured for students at Vermillionville as they embraced a view of a rich culture still alive in Louisiana today.





CLASSROOM

In November, our theme is "Healthy Me"! This month the CTS kindergartners will learn about eating healthy foods and living a healthy life. In Reading, our students are sounding out letters, recognizing letters, and sounding out words..."Way to go Kindergartners!" In Math, we are counting groups and writing numbers. Congratulations Nina Darden! Nina is our "Star Student of the Week!"

Second graders have really been reading, reading, and reading some more this month. They are working hard on reaching their goals for AR and Pizza Hut Book-It. Whenever they have free time they are busy reading. Our reading story this week is about a boy who imagines how different the world would be if dinosaurs were alive today. We agree that it's probably good that they are extinct. In Math we have been counting money. We are learning about coins and their value. We are learning how to give back change and also the different ways to make a dollar. In Social Studies we will study about The First Thanksgiving. We will discover how the Native Americans helped the Pilgrims to survive. We will also be making lots of fun crafts that go along with Thanksgiving.

Sage Guillory is our Student of the Month. Congratulations Sage!

Ms. Beth Rodriguez's third graders have been learning about the many uses of corn! The week before the Thanksgiving break, students learned how Native Americans used every bit of the corn plant, which is why it became known to them as "The Bread of Life". The children learned the process of growing corn and completed a sequencing activity. Students diagrammed stalks of corn as well as an ear of corn and labeled their various parts. They learned that corn is used to make things other than food, such as soap and powder. Ms. Beth read a legend to the students about, "why popcorn pops?" Students were then asked to create their own legend in a neat pop-up book. Throughout the week, the third graders wove a placemat which would be used at their Thanksgiving feast on Friday. Students enjoyed tasting all kinds of foods made of corn. Corn bread, corn dogs, corn chips, sweet corn, corn-on-the-cob, and popcorn were enjoyed by all as Ms. Beth read them the story of the First Thanksgiving. Our Third Grade Star-of-the-Week is Kyle Darden. Congratulations, Kyle!

D.A.R.E.

The 5th graders at Chitimacha Tribal School just completed an eleven week course of D.A.R.E. classes with Officer Amy Theriot. Each week students take part in lessons that teach them the skills they need to be drug free. To graduate from the program, students are required to write an essay summarizing what they learned throughout the course. Everyone in the 5th grade fulfilled this requirement and graduated on November 9, 2006.

Students are (from left to right) Katie Vilcan, Kaitlyn Landry, Victoria Vilcan, Trae' Kitchens, Gavin Brown, Erica Compton, and Jovan Marcotte. Officer Amy Theriot is kneeling.



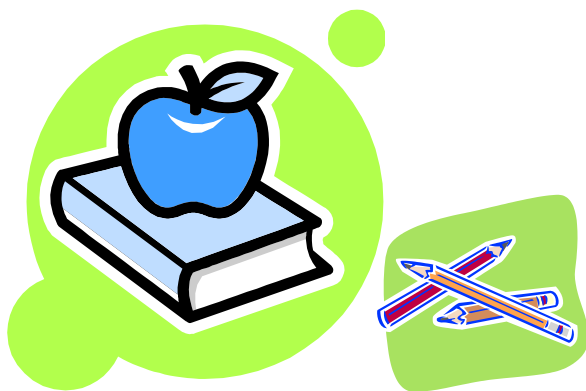
We first graders at CTS are almost finished with our third pre-primer. Our reading continues to improve each month. We love to read AR books and take the quizzes on the computer. In library we are learning to keyboard using the correct fingers and home key position. Each class period, we get to print the words we have typed and take home with us. This gives us a sense of accomplishment.

In English we are using KidPix to type the riddles we have written ourselves.

Social Studies lessons are about our country and our heroes. We have enjoyed learning that Independence Day is our country's birthday. Mason Gaddy is our star of the week! Congratulations, Mason!!

Second graders are all rested up from their two weeks off of school and are eager to get back to work. This week in Math we will begin a new unit. During the next few days we will be learning to add 3-digit numbers. We will learn how to carry numbers over to the hundreds place. We will be using lots of hands on manipulative to help us learn this new skill. We will also talk about how math is used in lots of different places and different ways. In Science will be studying about Earth's history. We will learn that bones, teeth, shells, print from leaves, animal footprints, and outlines from body parts left in rocks are part of life's record. Our reading stories are about community workers. We will see that each person in a community plays a part in making that community special. Our Star of The Week is Raine Darden. Congratulations, Raine!!!!!!!!!!

The fifth graders at CTS have been very busy since the Thanksgiving holidays. We are just about through with our 3rd theme in reading which is called Discovering Your Own Qualities. We learned that each of us has special qualities to be proud of and that we need to work to use those qualities to help other people. This comes at a wonderful time of year since Christmas is the time for giving. In Social Studies we're learning why the French, Dutch, English, and Spanish wanted to come to the Americas and how their arrival affected the Native American people. Finally, in science we're learning about cells. We've learned that cells are the building blocks of all living things. We will continue to learn what each cell part does and why they are so important. Congratulations to Trae' Kitchens for being the 5th grade Star of the Week. Keep up the good work Trae'!!!



2006 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The students at Chitimacha Tribal School put on a Christmas display of music and dance on Thursday, December 14th in the school's gymnasium. Visitors to the school's Christmas program were treated to songs sung in the Chitimacha language, melodies played on piano by Rhett LeBlanc and Sarah Guillory, a Native American flute solo by Jovan Anderson. Classes were paired up to entertain the audience of family and friends with dances to songs like "Santa Claus is coming to Town" and "We need a Little Christmas." The school's gymnasium was lit in festive, holiday lights with a stage decorated to fit the students' enthusiasm for their Holiday performances. All who attended shared in an hour of laughter, entertainment, and Holiday cheer!



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR

Second Nine Weeks Renaissance Program

Award Winners:

Principal's List:

2nd Grade: Peyton Trahan

3rd Grade: Drake Hewitt

4th Grade: Joshua Darden
Kati Martin

5th Grade: Erica Compton

6th Grade: Jasi Anderson

7th Grade: Karli Mensman

Honor Roll:

1st Grade: Tayla Bernauer
Mason Gaddy
MaKayla Higgins

2nd Grade: Raine Darden
Sage Guillory
Kymberlin Landry
Amanda Vilcan

4th Grade: Colby Darden
Kale Delcambre
Caleb Higgins
Tommie Poirrier
Jose Sanchez

5th Grade: Katie Vilcan
Victoria Vilcan

6th Grade: Kaylee Cormier

8th Grade: Alfred Crochet
Kaitlan Louviere
Heather Simoneaux

Good Conduct:

Kindergarten:

Makenzie Broussard

Madison Cook

Maiya Darby

Dymond Darden

Nina Darden

Savannah Guillory

Avery Magee

Drake Pontiff

Miguel Sanchez

Breyonna Verret

Khloe Walden

1st Grade:

Conner Anderson

Mason Gaddy

MaKayla Higgins

2nd Grade:

Meghan Baham

Bishop Boutte

Robert Compton

Raine Darden

Sage Guillory

Sarah Ronsonette

Nickolas Salisbury

Peyton Trahan

Amanda Vilcan

3rd Grade:

Kyle Darden

Drake Hewitt

4th Grade:

Colby Darden

Joshua Darden

Sarah Guillory

Kati Martin

5th Grade:

Gavin Brown

Erica Compton

Katie Vilcan

Victoria Vilcan

6th Grade:

Jasi Anderson

Kaylee Cormier

Madeline Darby

Rhett LeBlanc

Nata Sedatol

7th Grade:

Nicholas Boudreaux

Taylor Darden

Kole Fluke

Karli Mensman

8th Grade:

Dustin Bobbitt

Alfred Crochet

Kaitlan Louviere

Heather Simoneaux

Award Winners Continued:

Perfect Attendance:

Kindergarten:

Makenzie Broussard
Nina Darden

1st Grade:

MaKayla Higgins

2nd Grade:

Haylee Bourgeois
Hannah Butaud
Chase Cormier
Kymberlin Landry
Barry Moneaux

4th Grade:

Russel Aucoin
Joshua Darden

6th Grade:

Madeline Darby

7th Grade:

Nicholas Boudreaux

8th Grade:

Alfred Crochet
Heather Simoneaux



**STUDENTS AND PARENTS, CONGRATUATIONS!
YOUR HARD WORK IS SHOWING!**

From the Desk of:

Kevin P. Derise

Accountability Manager

St. Mary Parish School Board

A School Performance Score (SPS) is computed for each school in Louisiana based on every student's standardized test scores in grades 3rd through 11th. The Chitimacha Tribal School's current SPS is 120.8. This is an increase of 14.6 points from the previous year's score. This would place the Chitimacha Tribal School as the highest performing elementary school in St. Mary Parish.

PARENT NIGHT AT YAAMAHANA

February 28, 2007

6:00-7:30 PM

Dinner and Door Prizes!

Parents can chose one of the following sessions to attend:

SESSION I

A Special Kind of Parenting

Parents are special...

and your child is special!

Every child is special and this session will provide parents with practical information to recognize and identify their child's special abilities, interests, and needs. Parent involvement in the growth and development of young children is critical to a child's learning success. Ideas for keeping young children on track and resources to help meet their unique needs will also be shared.

Meet the Presenter:

Addie E. Hester, M. Ed.

2003-2004 Teacher of the Year - SSD#1

Bachelor's Degree in Child Development from North Carolina A & T State University

Master's Degree in Special Education from Louisiana State University

Assessment Certification Courses from Southeastern Louisiana University

Plus 30 Course Work from Southern University and A & M College

SESSION II

Child Passenger Safety Training

This session will provide tribal families with important information on properly restraining infants and young children while in a vehicle. The presenters will help participants choose a child safety seat that fits tightly in their vehicle and is appropriate for the child's age, height, and weight. The presenters will also guide participants in correctly installing the child safety seat. Each family will receive a free child safety seat!

Meet the Presenters:

Deborah Guardia, Firefighter and Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician

Amanda Boudreaux, Childcare Provider and Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician

Proper Child Restraint Recommendations

Conditions	Infants		Toddlers	Older Children
Weight and Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth to at least 1 year old AND at least 20 pounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth to at least 1 year old • More than 20 pounds and less than 35 pounds 	Over 1 year old, over 20 pounds, up to approximately 40 pounds	Over 40 pounds, ages 4-8, unless 4'9" tall
Type of Seat	Infant only or rear-facing convertible	Rear-facing convertible designed for heavier infants	Convertible/forward-facing/high-back booster with harness	Belt-positioning booster (high-back or no-back)
Seat Position	Rear-facing only		Forward-facing	Forward-facing
Always Make Sure	Harness straps are at, or below shoulder level.		Harness straps should be at, or above, shoulder level.	Belt-positioning booster seats are used with lap/shoulder belt combination only.
Remember	Do not place infants in the front seat of vehicles with air bags.		5-point harnesses provide the best protection.	Make sure the lap belt portion fits low and tight to avoid abdominal injuries.

Children 12 and under are safest when properly restrained in the rear seat. Keep children rear-facing as long as possible. Always refer to the child safety seat instructions and vehicle manufacture's instructions for weight limits, proper use and installation.

Recreation Newsletter

January 2007

Football: We are proud to announce that some of our Chitimacha Youth in the area recently were chosen and competed in the St. Mary Parish All Star High School Football game held in Patterson on Saturday, December 16, 2006. **Kaston Fluke** was chosen as an All Star from the West St. Mary Wolfpack of which he played guard and linebacker in the regular season. **Ben Clements** was also chosen from the West St. Mary Wolfpack where he played the positions of guard and defensive end. Ben was selected as a member of the 7-3A Coaches All District Team as a guard. **Matthew Darden** was chosen from the Hanson High Tigers of Franklin and was selected as a member of the 8-1A Coaches All District Team. Matthew played as a tight end and linebacker where he finished his senior year with 160 tackles and 2 touchdowns. Ben, Kaston, and Matthew played for the West St. Mary All Star Team against the East end teams of the parish.

Congratulations to all of you and best of luck in your future endeavors. Ben, Kaston, and Matt are pictured.



Recreation Continued...

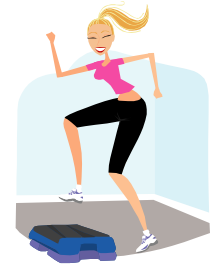


Basketball: Our 9-10 year olds played in the Franklin League November through January. Our boy's team was coached by **Steve Cole** and included: **Kale Delcambre, Trae' Kitchens, Russel Aucoin, Jovan Anderson, Gavin Brown, Logan Jordan, and Tony Caro.** The girls were coached by **Mrs. Jeri St. Blanc** and included: **Macie Guillotte, Evelyn Pontiff, Erica Compton, Kaitlyn Landry, Allison Junca, and Morgan Baudoin.** All stars for that league were chosen in January and they include: **Erica Compton, Macie Guillotte, Morgan Baudoin, Evelyn Pontiff, Trae' Kitchens and Jovan Anderson.** Congratulations to you all!

Our Chitimacha League of 5-6 boys/girls, 7-8 boys, 9-10 boys and girls, and Jr. High boys and girls began games on Tuesday, January 9th in the Chitimacha School Gym. We have three teams of 5-6 boys and girls. Our 7-8 division consists of four teams of boys and girls. Participants from all divisions include: **Marlee Darden, McKenzie Buckner, Austin Burgess, Bailey Gianfala, Conner Anderson, Dynah Sedatol, Kymberlin Landry, Steven Rosamond, Tayla Bernauer, Nickolas Salisbury, Robert Compton, Amanda Vilcan, Chase Cormier, Barry Moneaux, Peyton Trahan, Joshua Rojas, Drake Hewitt, Gabe Parro, Raine Darden, Alfred Crochet, Philbert Schexnaider, Dallas Brown, Dustin Bobbitt, Keith Leedom, Calieb Johnson, Kole Fluke, Elizabeth Butaud, Kaylee Cormier, Heather Simoneaux, Jasi Anderson, Karli Mensman, Sherry Higgins, and Maddy Darby.**

The Chitimacha Jr. High Girls, coached by Mrs. Jeri, will play games against Glencoe and St. Joe. Coach Billy's Jr. High Boys will play against Glencoe, St. Joe and Immanuel Christian. If you didn't get to make a 9-10 game in Franklin, the boys and girls will play at St. Joe on January 23, and they'll play at Chitimacha on January 30. For a schedule of all games, you may pick one up at the Recreation Department or call us at 923-4975. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the next four weeks, with the last game being played on Thursday, February 1. We'd like to thank our coaches for volunteering their time to our youth. They are as follows: **Natalie Jordan, Dana Falterman, Kenny Lombardo, John Higdon, Bryan Thibodeaux, Troy Billiot, Bruce Burgess, Steve Cole, Tony Sinitiere, and Melinda Presley.** Please come out and support our youth. Concessions will be sold in the gym.

Chitimacha Challenge: The holidays have come and gone and I'm sure we all ate, drank, and were merry. Now it's time to fine tune our fitness obligations. Just as a reminder, for healthy hearts we all need at least 30 minutes of continuous aerobic exercise at least three times a week. For more detailed fitness programs, come in and visit the Fitness Center. We will be glad to design a fitness program to meet your individual needs. The word must be out that the 8th Annual Chitimacha Challenge is approaching because there has been an increased number of community members walking, jogging, and strolling. Sign ups will be held at the Recreation Department on Tuesday, January 23, beginning at 7:30 AM. We're looking



Track and Field: Looking ahead, track season will soon be here. We're looking for throwers, jumpers, hurdlers, and of course runners, short and long distance.

Baseball: As for baseball, just as last year, we will participate along with Franklin, in Franklin Little League. This arrangement allows us to be chartered and allows us usage of our home fields.

Pool: We know it's kind of early for swim season but it's time to check your swim team suits. If they're too small, please consider donating them to the Recreation Department so we can reissue them to new swimmers.

Be sure to glance at the marquis for the latest information in Recreation.

TRIBAL COURT NEWS

CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:

OCTOBER THRU DECEMBER:

(Combined)

CASES: (75)

40 Civil Actions (31 Garnishments/4 Petition for Possession/4 Petition to Make Judgment Executor/1 Disputed Claim for Compensation)

10 Domestic (6 Petition for Disbursement of Funds/2 Petition for Divorce/1 Petition for Change in Custody/1 Petition for Guardianship)

12 Criminal

12 Traffic

01 Juvenile

MORTGAGES AND LIENS: (18)

(18 Assignment/Liens/ 1 Form UCC-1)

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS: (02)

(1 Act of Transfer/1 Cash Deed)

**TOTAL ACTIONS PROCESSED
IN
OCTOBER THRU DECEMBER,
2006**

**CASES PENDING AS OF
JANUARY 1, 2007**

TRIBAL COURT: (38)

18 CIVIL

07 DOMESTIC RELATIONS

06 CRIMINAL

03 TRAFFIC

01 JUVENILE

03 PROBATE

COURT SESSIONS:

TRIBAL COURT: OCTOBER

Jury trials were scheduled for the week of **October 10th - 13th, 2006**, at which time **2** civil matters and **13** criminal matters were scheduled. One civil matter was dismissed and one civil matter was reset for a later date. The criminal matters were re-scheduled and heard on **October 10, 2006**, as motions hearing in lieu of jury trials.

Two special sessions were scheduled to be heard, the first special session on **October 12, 2006**, was continued without date, and the second special session was scheduled to be heard on **October 17, 2006**, was reset for a later date.

(01) CRIMINAL

(01) DOMESTIC

The first regular session was conducted on **October 24, 2006**, at which time **24** matters were scheduled to be heard. Four matters were dismissed and one matter was disposed with payment of fine and costs.

- (14) DOMESTIC
- (03) TRAFFIC
- (05) CIVIL
- (01) JUVENILE
- (01) PROBATE

TRIBAL COURT: NOVEMBER

A regular session was conducted on **November 14, 2006**, at which time **21** matters were scheduled to be heard. One matter was reset for a later date and two matters were dismissed.

- (01) CIVIL
- (01) PROBATE
- (10) DOMESTIC
- (05) TRAFFIC
- (04) CRIMINAL

The second regular session was scheduled on **November 28, 2006** with **13** matters scheduled with all matters being dismissed.

- (13) CRIMINAL

TRIBAL COURT: DECEMBER

Jury trials were scheduled for the week of **December 4th, 2006**, at which time **13** criminal matters were scheduled, with all matters being reset for later dates.

- (13) CRIMINAL

One regular session was conducted on **December 5, 2006**, at which time **20** matters were scheduled to be heard. Two matters were reset for later dates.

- (02) TRAFFIC
- (13) CRIMINAL
- (04) DOMESTIC
- (01) JUVENILE

The second regular sessions was conducted on **December 19, 2006**, at which time **20** matters were scheduled to be heard. Four matters were reset for later dates and three matters were dismissed.

- (03) TRAFFIC
- (06) CRIMINAL
- (01) CRIMINAL TRAFFIC
- (03) CIVIL
- (07) DOMESTIC

Our next regular session is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 13, 2007**, with open sessions beginning at **10:00 a.m.**

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at (337) 923-7806; or come by anytime. We are located at 343 Navarro St., Chitimacha Reservation; and our regular office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Human Services Department

Karen Matthews, MSW, GSW

Social Services Director

The Human Services Department's staff wishes to extend a Happy New Year to all! We hope all of your New Year's resolutions come true in 2007. A new year brings opportunity to reflect on the previous year and what you would like to do differently. Now is the time to set goals you wish to accomplish this year. Don't fret if you were not able to accomplish all of your goals in 2006. Remember, "where there is no vision the people perish."

The Holiday Season has been a joyous time for our Boys and Girls' Groups. Hollie Battaglio, Human Services Specialist and Nicole Hebert, Human Services Assistant planned Christmas Parties for our four (4) Groups which consist of a total of forty children. Group members enjoyed the gift they received for Christmas and had a great time.

Human Services would like to introduce two new services to Chitimacha Tribal Members residing on the Reservation or in St. Mary Parish as this is our Service Delivery Area. We are seeking participants' ages thirteen to eighteen years old interested in learning more about Financial Planning. This program will be helpful to our youth in planning for their futures as they transition into adulthood. Human Services will offer individual or group sessions depending upon the number of responses received. The second service Human Services Department is offering is a Women's Group addressing issues related to parenting, balancing family and career, reducing stress, substance abuse, financial planning, etc. For more information or to register to participate, please contact the Human Services Department at (337) 923-7000. We encourage tribal members to contact Human Services regarding available services. We welcome your suggestions for the development of additional services. We look forward to serving you.

Human Services and the Chitimacha Tribal Court Prosecutor, Mr. Walter Senette are cosponsoring a Drug Court Compliance and Domestic Violence Workshop for Tribal and area Law Enforcement Agencies scheduled for January 31st and February 1st. Presenters from Chez Hope Domestic Violence Program and St. Mary 16th Judicial District Drug Court will discuss their programs and answer questions.

If you or someone you know is in need of substance abuse treatment for illegal substances, prescription medication or alcohol, please contact St. Mary Addictive Disorders Clinic at 985-380-2455. The fee for services is based on your income.

In closing, if you can somehow think and dream of success in small steps, every time you make a step, every time you accomplish a small goal, it gives you confidence to go on from there. It's better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and regret. Set your goals high, and don't stop till you get there.

In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure.

Chitimacha Mardi Gras Parade

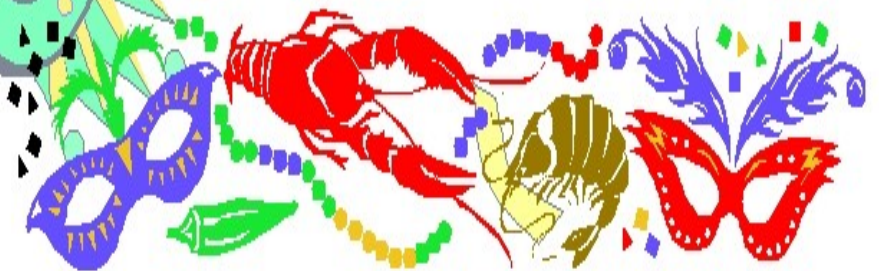


Will be held Saturday, February 17, 2007 at 1:00 P.M.

Any community member wishing to enter a float or assist with decorating a float, should contact Jill Louviere @ 337-923-7215.

Deadline to enter floats will be on Wednesday,
February 14, 2007 @ 5:00 P.M.

*Be advised that four-wheelers, motorcycles, dirtbikes, go-carts, etc. will be prohibited from participating in the parade.



News from Chitimacha Fire Protection

Rick Cook, Fire Chief

September, October, November, & December Activities



Training; Since our last newsletter, we continue to conduct monthly meetings and drills here at the Fire Department. In December CFP and area fire department personnel attended a Louisiana Propane Gas Training Class at Berwick Fire Department sponsored by LSU Fire Emergency Training Institute (FETI). CFP drills conducted during this quarter were Fire Apparatus response, Fire Hydrant Elevations, Portable Master Stream deployment, Fire Hose Handling, and Apparatus Pump Operations. In addition to this training personnel are required to complete Monthly In-Service training involving submittal of written test from the Fire Emergency Training Network (FETN) a monthly service provided via satellite television.

The next scheduled LSU sponsored class will be conducted in March at the LSU facility and will involve search, rescue, and fire evolutions within a structure. Our Department and other Tribal departments involved in the Tribal Emergency Response Plan has complied to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) by completing the required test according to NIMS standards. A Firefighter One class is projected to start in early March. This class will involve area fire departments students and instructors, and will be held on Wednesdays and every other Saturday until completed.

Other Departmental Activities; We would like to welcome Joshua Bourque as an volunteer of CFP. During the month of October the department conducted a 3 K Walk/Run fund raiser. This track event was conducted through the Tribal Reservation and was first for our department in conducting this type of activity. There are future plans to conduct another event of this type. The objective of this event is to promote fitness among all age groups.

Response Area Fire Prevention Activities; are an ongoing component performed at all the educational and commercial facilities throughout the response district. Monthly fire extinguisher inspections, pre-planning, Fire Hydrant and other inspections are conducted throughout response district. Department personnel will be conducting building inspections during the following months throughout Tribal and surrounding community facilities. This service is provided to maintain proper codes to lessen fire potential.

Notices; There is no information to report regarding the recent FEMA Fire Act Grant Application submitted in April for a new Attack Pumper. The Fire Department has smoke detectors available, if you need a detector or would like to have your present detector checked, call the department and someone will be happy to assist you. Also, we can also inspect your home fire extinguisher. If any assistance is needed involving a Child Restraint Seat or other Deborah Guardia can provide valuable assistance. ☺

Emergency Responses; Responses for the month of September '06 @ 32, October '06 @ 29, November '06 @ 37 and December '06 @ 36.

“ Solutions are not the answer”.

— Richard M Nixon

CHITIMACHA OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP

“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

“And at midnight a cry was heard; ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

“Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’

“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.” (Matthew 25:1-13)

Friend, there is nothing left according to Bible prophecy to keep Jesus from coming to collect His bride (the church). He could come at any time. Are you ready? Besides that none of us are guaranteed another day! Just think about it one out of one dies. Will God once again intervene in the course of human events on this earth? Answer: YES. In what way? Answer: By removing the church from planet earth. When will this happen? Answer: It is imminent. And what happens next? Answer: Much more! It doesn't matter if you are Catholic, Baptist, Pentecostal, or other. God is no respecter of persons, this involves you! I urge you get ready.

We invite you to join us for prayer, worship, and fellowship. We are not a denomination, so we will not try to get you to join a cult or nothing. We will not ask you for your money, so relax, we just want an hour or so of your time.

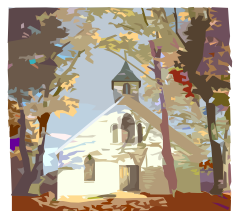
We meet every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. at the Chitimacha Recreational Center.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me. Numbers: 923-6941 or 578-1249.

God Bless You,
Orien Butaud

Coming soon!!!

The new home of the Chitimacha Outreach will be located at the old Bourgeois Grocery Store right at the corner of Martin Luther King Road and Chitimacha Trail.



TWO BOARD VACANCIES

Election Board

The Chitimacha Tribal Council is seeking to appoint two Members to the Election Board to fill a term which will expire on March 8, 2011, and to fill an unexpired term, which will expire on April 7, 2008. A stipend will be provided.

Scope: The Election Board Members perform such duties as prescribed by the Election Ordinance and any additional rules and regulations prescribed by the Tribal Council.

Qualifications: All Election Board Members must be an enrolled member of the Tribe and be at least 18 years of age at the time of their appointment to the board. Election Board Members are not allowed to be a member of the Tribal Council, School Board or any other elected Tribal office.

Responsibilities: Maintain all records of the Election Board. Designate dates for voter registration, filing for candidates and conduct of elections. Post notice of election, register votes, maintain and update voter registration records, certify candidates. Prepare and secure ballots, set up and manage polling place and secure ballot box and/or voting machine, verify eligible voters, count votes, declare winners and/or runoff candidates. Report results to the public, Tribal Council, and Bureau of Indian Affairs. Set up and manage special elections and referendums.

Please send letter of interest by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 to:

Chitimacha Tribal Council
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
P. O. Box 661
Charenton, LA 70523

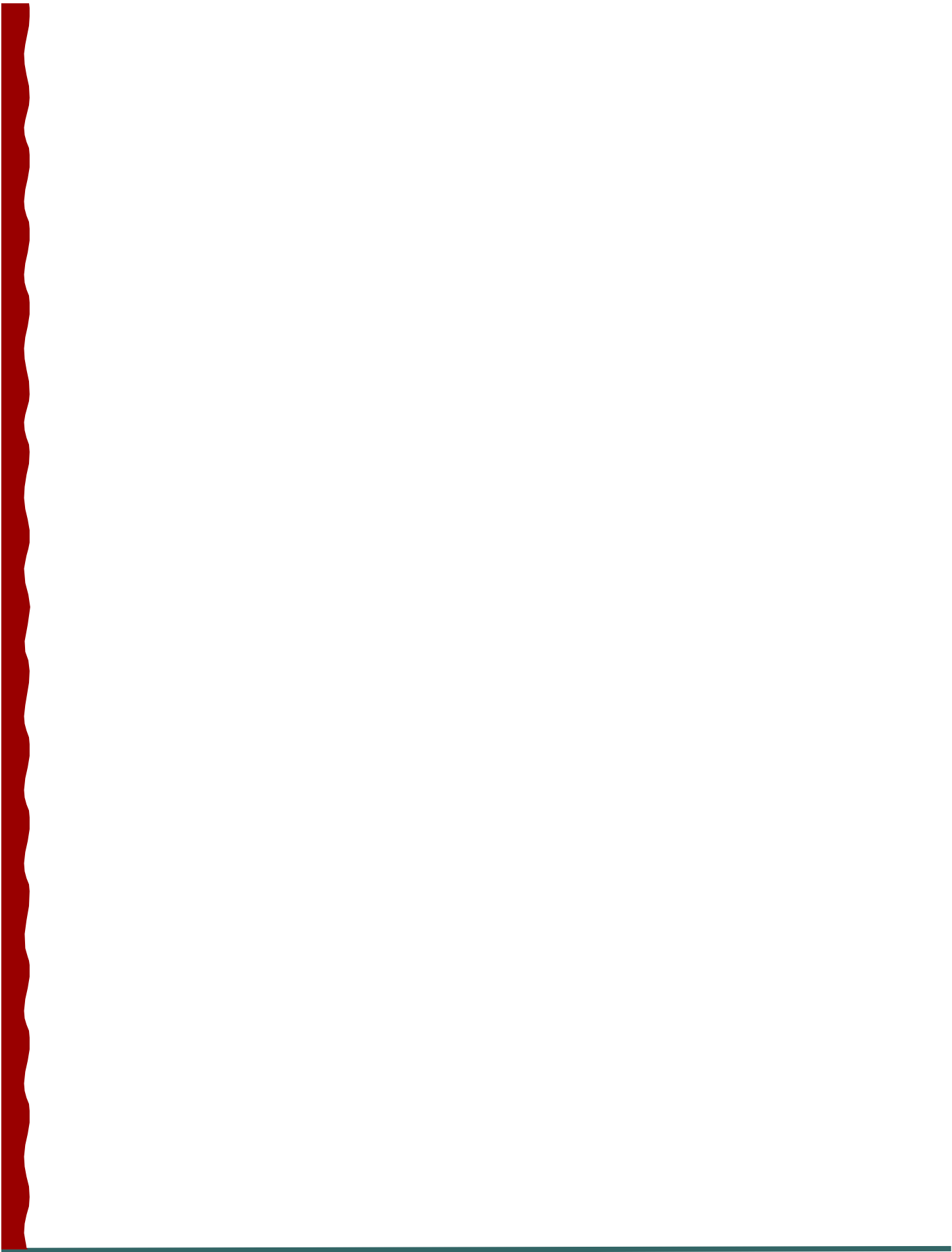
COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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